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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated August 14, 2007, having a shortened statutory period expiring November 14, 2008. A request for extension of time to and including February 14, 2008 is filed herewith. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.